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LAUNCH OF GSLV AND INSAT- 3C
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch the first test flight of the indigenously developed Geo-Stationary Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) and also INSAT-3C;

(b) if so, the date by which GSLV and INSAT-3C are likely to be launched; and

(c) the details of the steps taken in that regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first developmental flight of GSLV has been planned during thesecond half of February 2001 and INSAT-3C has been planned for launch during mid 2001.

(c) The campaign for the first developmental flight of GSLV hascommenced from third week of November, 2000. For launch of INSAT-3C, a launch service contract has been finalised with M/s Arianespace.